(c) Rs. 27.61 lakhs was utilised.

(d) and (e) The Department does not provide for budget on a state-wise basis but financial assistance is released on the basis of viable proposals received from either the State Government or reputed voluntary organisations. Nothing has been sanctioned for the State of Punjab under this scheme during 1990-91 as well as during 1992-93 and 1993-94 (till date).

Creation of sports infrastructure

4525. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the 1982 Asian games, the Central Government took a number of initiatives for creation of sports infrastructure;

(b) if so, to what extent the Central Government propose to develop sports;

(c) how many schemes are under consideration; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For developing sports in the country, Central Government have formulated a detailed "Programme of Action", which, inter-alia, provides for creation and effective utilisation of basic sports infrastructure. To achieve this aim, Central Government is providing incentives to State Governments/U.T. Administrations by way of financial assistance for creation of sports infrastructure, including facilities for the training/coaching of sports persons.

(c) Following four schemes are in operation in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports for creation of sports infrastructure:

(i) Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

(ii) Scheme of Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of non-consumable sports equipment and development of playground.

(iii) Scheme of Grants for Games and Sports in Universities and Colleges.

(iv) Scheme of Support for Supply and Installation of Synthetic Surfaces.

(d) For implementing these schemes, the Department sanctions matching financial assistance on receipt of viable proposals from State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Proposals for creation of infrastructure in Universities/Colleges, excepting agricultural/ technical/medical institutions, are received in the University Grants Commission (UGC), for which financial allocation is made by the Government to the Commission. Sanctioned financial assistance is released in one or more instalments for which utilisation certificates and progress reports are obtained.

Fellowship in the name of Mr. Shrikant Dutta in NMML

4256. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fellowship in Nehru Memorial and Museum Library (NMML) in the name of Mr. Srikant Dutta;

(b) if so, what is the reasons for a scheme being launched in the name of a particular person as such;

(c) whether it is because of endowment created for this purpose only by the relatives of the said person;

(d) if so, whether the NMML make funding of the fellowship under the scheme strictly only from the income from the endowment so created;

(e) whether the NMML also shares the extra cost of fellowship from its own budget which is not covered by the income from the endowment; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Executive Council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and library Society had approved the proposal for accepting a sum of Rs. 1 lakh from Shri Asoka K. Dutta, to set up an endowment in the memory of his son, Dr. Srikant Dutt.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It was decided to make the Srikant Dutt Fellowship equal, in its emoluments to the Junior Fellowship (the lowest Fellowship) offered by the Nehru Memorial and Meseum Library.

Drawbacks in the working of the ICSSR

4527. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the basic objective in setting up the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR);

(b) whether the Council has been able to achieve the objective;

(c) if not, what according to the analysis, if any, are the drawbacks in the working of the ICSSR resulting in its failure to promote the ideals for which it was set up; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to remove the ills in the ICSSR?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND (DEPPT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Indian Council of Social Science Research has been set up primarily for coordination and promotion of social science research in the country. Its objectives are:

(i) To review the progress of social science research and to give advice to its users in Government or outside.

(ii) To sponsor social science research programmes as well as research projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in social sciences and to give financial support to learned associations, standard journals and institutions of organisations engaged in the conduct of sponsoring of social science research.

(iii) To provide technical assistance for the formulation of social science research programmes and designing of research projects by individuals or institutions and to organise and support institutional arrangements for training in research methodology.

(iv) To indicate periodically areas and topics on which social sceince research is to be promoted and to adopt special measures for the development of research in neglected or new areas.

(v) To coordinate research activities in the field of social science and to encourage programmes of inter-disciplinary research.

(vi) To develop and support centres for documentation service, maintenance and supply of data, inventory of current social science research and preparation of a national register of social scientists.

(vii) To organise, sponsor and finance seminars, workshops, study circles working group/parties and conferences for promoting research or utilisation of social science research.